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TO: Washington State Board of Health Members

FROM: Dr. Kim Marie Thorburn, Chair

SUBJECT: **RECOMMENDATIONS ON TETANUS, DIPHTHERIA, AND PERTUSSIS ANTIGENS (WAC 246-100-166); AND CONSIDERATION OF FINAL REPORT ON IMMUNIZATION CRITERIA**

**Summary**

In June 2004, the State Board of Health gave notice that it was considering establishing criteria to evaluate vaccines and determine which ones should be included in WAC 246-100-166. An Immunization Advisory Committee (IAC) met three times between 2005 and 2006 to recommend criteria. In addition, between the second and third meeting of the IAC, a Technical Advisory Group (TAG) further refined the criteria and tested them against the pertussis antigen. The TAG comprised representatives from the fields of public health, primary care, epidemiology, and medical ethics. The IAC reviewed and further refined the TAG work at its final meeting in March 2006. These criteria were presented to the SBOH at the April 12, 2006 meeting. The Board adopted the report as an interim report and requested some changes to the language. The Board also asked that the TAG be re-convened to further refine the criteria and to test them against three antigens (pertussis, tetanus, and diphtheria). The TAG met on May 17, 2006. The results of the TAG deliberations will be presented to the board today.

I will also present a final report that includes input from the April 12 discussion concerning the removal of the "mandate" language and that reflects recommendations after the May 17, 2006 TAG assessment of Tdap antigens against the criteria.

**Recommended Board Action**

After discussing the attached documents, the Board may choose to consider, amend if necessary, and adopt the following motion:

***Motion: The Board approves the Criteria for Reviewing Antigens for Potential Inclusion in WAC 246-100-166 recommended by the Immunization Advisory Committee. It also accepts the Technical Advisory Group's recommendations that pertussis, diphtheria, and tetanus be retained in WAC 246-100-166 and that the rule be updated to incorporate the 2006 Recommended Childhood and Adolescent Immunization Schedule.***